

Georgia Department of Community Health

2026 Projected Neonatal Intensive Care Bed Need

Rule: 111-2-2-.24(3)(a)3(i) to (v)							(i)		(ii)	(iii)		(iv)	(v)	
NICU Planning Area	Female Population Ages 15-44			Resident Live Births			Three Year Average Birth Rate	Projected Female Population in Horizon Year 2026	Projected Resident Birth Rate in Horizon Year 2026	Average NICU Patient Days from 2019 & 2020 AHQs	Projected NICU Patient Days in Horizon Year 2026	Projected NICU Beds in Horizon Year 2026	Available & Approved NICU Beds from/since the 2020 AHQ	Surplus (Deficit)
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020								
NICU 1	1,329,794	1,342,401	1,355,005	75,023	74,773	72,577	0.055	1,406,517	77,665	71,505	76,517	263	362	99
NICU 2	207,383	209,177	210,935	12,066	11,977	11,593	0.057	219,297	12,454	16,773	18,019	62	83	21
NICU 3	232,760	232,966	233,166	14,568	14,674	14,284	0.062	232,206	14,461	10,981	11,117	39	57	18
NICU 4	191,813	192,301	192,776	11,597	11,811	11,305	0.060	193,599	11,649	17,545	18,079	62	58	(4)
NICU 5	201,715	202,564	203,426	12,797	13,015	12,620	0.063	206,334	13,049	12,968	13,409	46	46	0
Total	2,163,465	2,179,409	2,195,308	126,051	126,250	122,379		2,257,953	129,278	129,771	137,141	472	606	134

NICU Aggregate Utilization [111-2-2-.24(3)(a)4]			
NICU Planning Area	2019	2020	Meets 80% Standard Each Year?
NICU 1	54%	54%	No
NICU 2	60%	50%	No
NICU 3	61%	44%	No
NICU 4	81%	84%	Yes
NICU 5	78%	75%	No
Statewide	60%	57%	

Sources:
 Resident Live Births 2018, 2019, and 2020 provided by Department of Public Health.
 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2026 Population: Resident Population Projections, 2018-2030, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (4/1/2021 Release)
 Patient Days of Care and Available Neonatal Beds from the Annual Hospital Questionnaire, Perinatal Addendum